



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2017 Biennium

Bill #	SB0395	Title:	Revise laws related to youth hunting
Primary Sponsor:	Blasdel, Mark	Status:	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2018 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$6,422	\$6,422	\$6,422	\$6,422
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$105,625	\$105,625	\$105,625	\$105,625
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

Description of fiscal impact: SB 395 would create a new "apprentice hunting certificate" for \$5.00 each and extend the current youth deer hunt season from two to four days.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)

1. Licensing

- In calendar year 2014, FWP sold 385,000 resident and non-resident over-the-counter hunting licenses for \$9,600,000.
- FWP assumes a 1% increase in the sale of over-the-counter licenses by individuals who qualify for the apprentice hunting certificate. The additional 3,850 licenses sold (385,000 x .01) would generate \$96,000 in revenue (\$9,600,000 x .01).
- Hunters purchase an average of 2 hunting licenses each, so FWP estimates that these 3,850 licenses would be purchased by 1,925 hunters (3,850/2). Apprentice certificates would raise \$9,625 (\$5 x 1,925) earmarked for Hunter Education.
- The creation of the apprentice certificates and issuance of additional licenses would be absorbed in normal operating expenses.

2. Law Enforcement

- a. Extending the current two-day youth hunting season by two more days will require approximately 150 more miles driven per day for each warden that is called out to assist.
- b. FWP assumes 50% of the field wardens will be affected by the extended youth hunt ($76/2=38$ wardens).
- c. Costs are estimated to be \$4,674 for mileage costs of these wardens at cost \$4,674.
- d. Per diem costs are estimated to be \$1,748.
- e. Total increased law enforcement costs are estimated to be \$6,422 (\$4,674+\$1,748).

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Operating Expenses	\$6,422	\$6,422	\$6,422	\$6,422
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$6,422</u>	<u>\$6,422</u>	<u>\$6,422</u>	<u>\$6,422</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$6,422	\$6,422	\$6,422	\$6,422
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$6,422</u>	<u>\$6,422</u>	<u>\$6,422</u>	<u>\$6,422</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$105,625	\$105,625	\$105,625	\$105,625
TOTAL Revenues	<u>\$105,625</u>	<u>\$105,625</u>	<u>\$105,625</u>	<u>\$105,625</u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$99,203	\$99,203	\$99,203	\$99,203

Technical Notes:

1. Bill language states that a person who is 10 years of age or older and who has not completed a hunter safety and education course is eligible to apply for an apprentice hunting certificate. This may create a problem for those between 10 and 12 that choose to complete a Hunter Education course. By current policy, FWP does not certify anyone less than 12 years of age, but they are allowed to take and complete the course. This could make those who complete the course ineligible for the apprentice certificate.
2. There is an apparent conflict between SB 395 that requires youth purchase a license and 87-2-805(3)(a), MCA, that allows a first-time free youth license.
3. If HB 140 and SB 395 both pass in their current form, coordinating language is needed.

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